IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

THOMAS BURKHARDT, ET AL. Examiner:

Serial No. 09/963,960 KALYAN K. DESHPANDE

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For: LARGE-SCALE SUPPLY CHAIN Confirmation No.: 1567

PLANNING SYSTEM AND METHOD

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

MAIL STOP: AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

A Final Office Action in the subject Application was mailed to the undersigned on 7 January 2009, which provides for a shortened statutory response period ending 7 April 2009. Applicants are submitting this Amendment within two (2) months of the date of the Final Office Action. Please consider the following remarks.